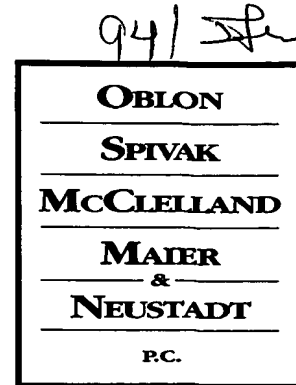




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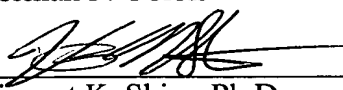
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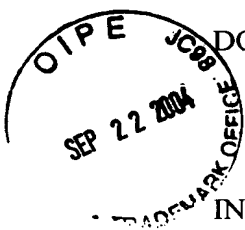
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Applicants wish to make of record the enclosed communication received from the Korean Patent Office in the corresponding Korean application. Applicants note that an English translation of the reference (JP 9-300105, Japanese language copy appended hereto) cited in the Korean office action was previously filed in the above-identified application on April 12, 2002, and was considered by the Examiner.

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